

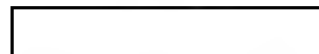
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*South Vietnam: (As of 0500 EDT) The leadership crisis continues unresolved.

General Khanh has been maneuvering to strengthen his position by proclaiming his support from Buddhist and Catholic leaders and from General Minh, and by publicly denouncing the Dai Viet Party. Khanh has taken the line with Ambassador Taylor that he will stay on as premier but take a leave of absence, with civilian Vice Premier Oanh acting as premier during this period. Oanh announced today that he would head the caretaker government for the next two months.

According to press sources, a government spokesman yesterday announced formation of a "Committee of Unification" comprised of the triumvirate and representatives of the Buddhists, Catholics, and possibly students.

[Khanh had earlier told Ambassador Taylor he hoped to create an official committee composed of religious and political leaders, headed by Minh, which would agree to reinstate him as President. However, Minh has told the Embassy he would endorse Khanh as premier only if he himself is reinstated as chief of state.]

Faculty members from the University of Hue are now publicly denouncing the temporary triumvirate and are declaring that only Minh is acceptable among the three as chief executive.

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No violence has been reported from the northern cities. Disorders by Buddhist and Catholic youths continued in Saigon on 28 August, but by early morning on the 29th security elements appeared to be finally moving in to restore control.

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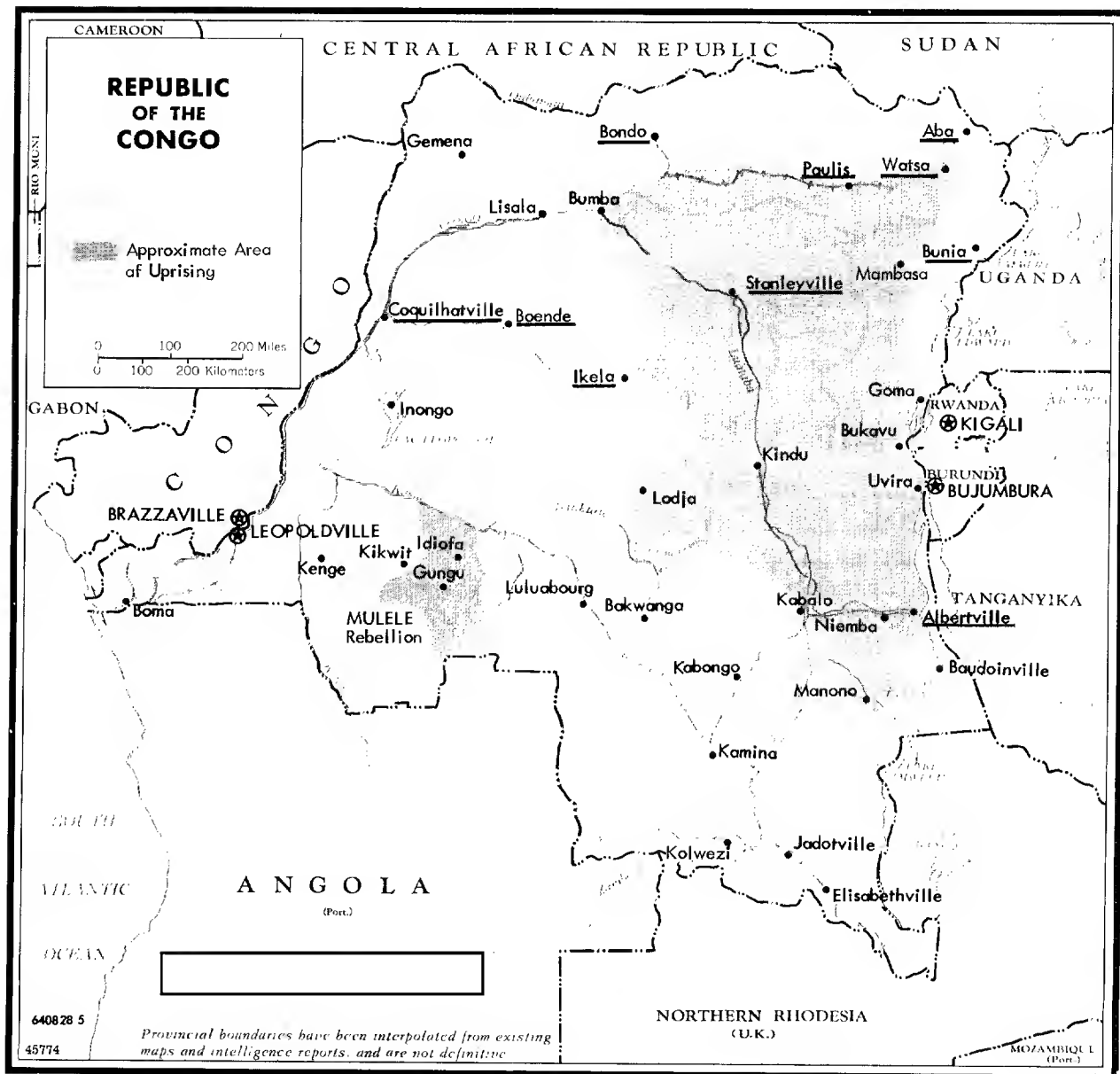
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Congo: Rebel operations continue to expand in the northern and eastern sections of the country.

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[redacted] two groups of rebels have left a Committee of National Liberation training camp in Congo (Brazzaville) to operate in Coquilhatville and Stanleyville. Most of the Congo Army forces at Coquilhatville have been moved eastward. The rebels have not yet entered Ikela, southwest of Stanleyville. This town was abandoned recently by the ANC, and ANC troops further west at Boende are reported fleeing from there.

The Indian ambassador in Leopoldville says he has a report from "private channels" that the US Consulate staff in Stanleyville is in good health, but confined to the consulate.

Leopoldville's claim that Albertville has been taken from the rebels is unsupported. The latest information is that the main mercenary force is still a considerable distance from the town.

Antoine Gizenga, leftist former head of the Stanleyville regime, appears to be making a bid for radical leadership. Yesterday, in a press conference in Leopoldville, Gizenga denounced Tshombé, the US, and Belgium, and announced the formation of a new "united" Lumumbist political party.

[The Belgians believe that some military successes must be achieved by the ANC before a satisfactory political settlement can be reached. The US ambassador

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in Brussels states that the government is giving priority to the plan devised by Tshombé's top Belgian military adviser, Colonel Vandewalle. This plan envisages the formation of six new units, each combining Congo Army, Katanga gendarme, and mercenary personnel.

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Tshombé has indicated that he will attend the upcoming meeting of the Organization of African Unity in Addis Ababa. He plans to send a Congolese labor leader, Alphonse Kithima, a brother-in-law of former Premier Adoula, to several African capitals to present the Congo's case and to emphasize that Tshombé still wants a national reconciliation with all Congolese elements.

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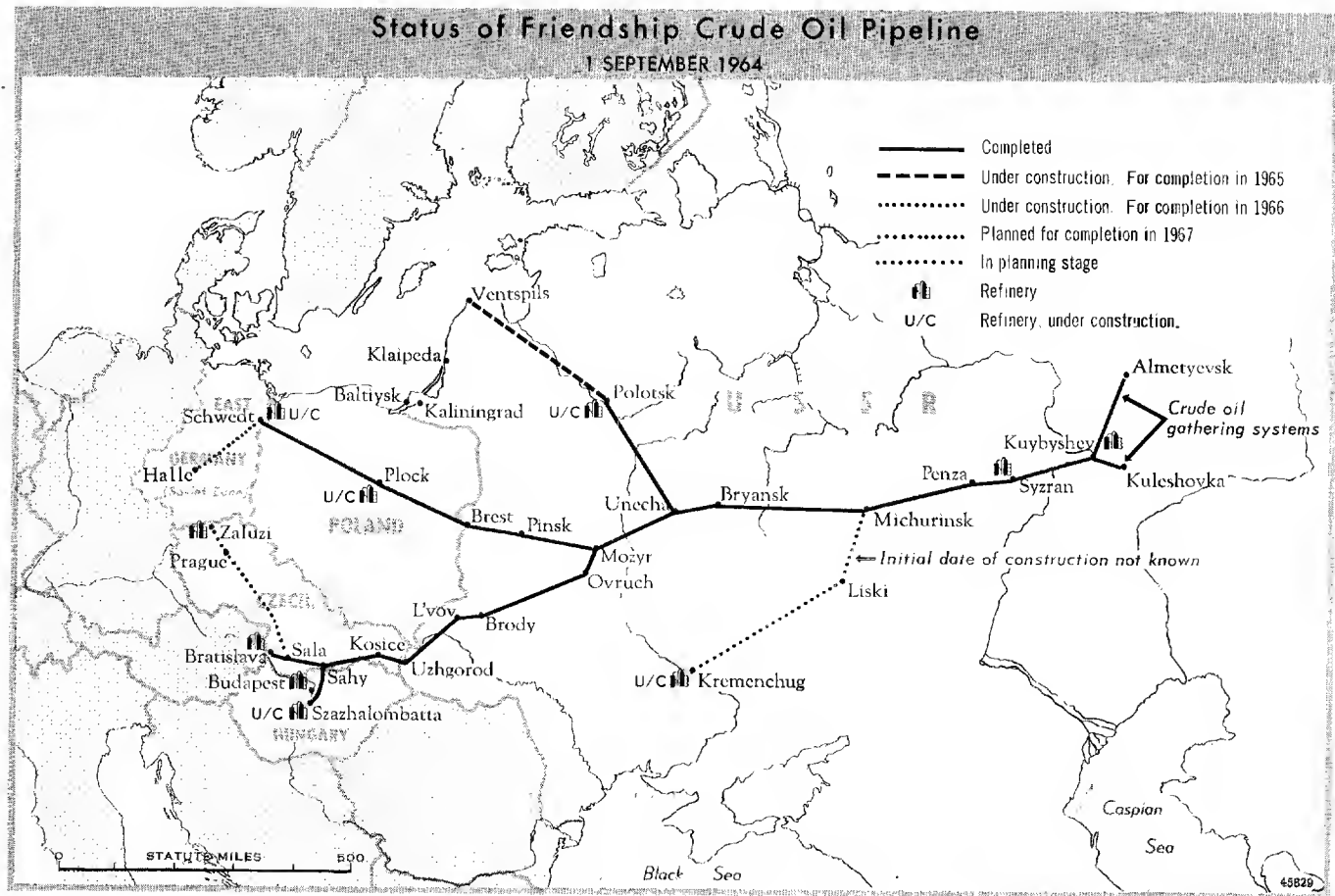
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USSR: The USSR's Friendship pipeline to Eastern Europe will begin operation in October, a year behind schedule, with its capacity reduced by the reported use of 32-inch rather than 40-inch pipe on a 700-mile section.

The use of smaller pipe was apparently dictated by a requirement to finish the line this year and by a tight supply of 40-inch pipe for which there is a priority need in constructing gas pipelines. The NATO embargo on large-diameter pipe was a contributing factor.

Of the 3,000 miles of 40-inch pipe that has been laid in the USSR, oil pipeline accounts for only ten percent. Only about a quarter of all the USSR's 40-inch pipe was domestically produced. The rest was imported from West Germany, Italy, Sweden and Japan under contracts signed prior to the embargo.

Plans apparently have been made to build another line paralleling the Friendship line later. To operate at full capacity those refineries scheduled to be completed in Eastern Europe by 1970 will require about twice as much oil from the USSR as the present sectors in East Europe can carry.

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Uruguay-Cuba: [Uruguay plans to break diplomatic relations with Cuba next week.]

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[Zorrilla, who has defended continued relations with Cuba, told the US ambassador on 27 August that the National Council of Government would make its formal decision on 3 September. He said the "present climate favors breaking relations with Cuba," since at least five and probably six of the nine National Councilors favor a break.]

[The break would isolate Mexico as the only Latin American country maintaining relations with Cuba. There are no present indications of any change in the Mexican attitude.]

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